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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS--WASHINGTON
ACTIVITIES

FOR MINISTER BELL FROM WYROUGH

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THIS IS MESSAGE NO. 1 FOR THE NEGOTIATORS PERTAINING TO
THE NOVEMBER NEGOTIATING ROUND.

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1. BRIEFING FOR U.S. LABOR DELEGATION ON 11/17.
MR. HOWARD BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE
FORTHCOMING MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN LABOR MINISTERS IN
GUATEMALA CITY REGARDING THE BACKGROUND AND STATUS OF
PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY AFFIDAVIT. ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ROGERS SIGNED THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY AFFIDAVIT TODAY FOR
USE BY JUSTICE DEPT. IN REQUESTING A STAY OF THE U.S.
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3. DOLVIN MEETING WITH VETERANS REPRESENTATIVES. DEPUTY

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS, GENERAL BROWN, AND GENERAL DOLVIN MET FOR TWO HOURS 11/17 WITH 30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY FOREIGN RELATIONS DIVISION, AMERICAN LEGION TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED MEMBERS OF VFW, NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN., AIR FORCE ASSN., AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSN., ASSN. OF US ARMY, AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL, DISABLED OFFICERS ASSN., FLEET RESERVE ASSN., NATIONAL GUARD ASSN., AND THE NAVY LEAGUE. COLONEL DUKER ADVISES THAT THE AUDIENCE WAS GENERALLY HOSTILE BUT THAT SOME MEMBERS DEMONSTRATED A MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING.

4. CONGRESSIONAL VISIT. HOWARD CONTINUED TO COORDINATE PLANS FOR PROPOSED VISIT TO PANAMA (11/21 - 11/24) BY CONGRESSMAN LEE HAMILTON AND PARTY.

5. BRIEFING OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. ON 11/17 I GAVE A TELELECTURE ON THE NEGOTIATIONS TO A GROUP OF UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA STUDENTS. INGERSOLL

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